

QPSK/BPSK LINK IC

- **MULTISTANDARD QPSK AND BPSK DEMODULATION**
- **EASY IMPLEMENTATION WITH LOW COST DIRECT CONVERSION TUNERS**
- **EXTREMELY LOW BER WHEN CO-CHANNEL INTERFERENCE**
- **WIDE CARRIER LOOP TRACKING RANGE TO COMPENSATE FOR DISH FREQUENCY DRIFT**
- **COMMON INTERFACE COMPLIANT**
- **VERY LOW POWER CONSUMPTION**
- INTEGRATED DUAL 6-BIT ANALOG TO DIGITAL CONVERTERS
- DUAL DIGITAL AGC
- DIGITAL NYQUIST ROOT FILTER WITH ROLL-OFF OF 0.35 OR 0.20
- DIGITAL CARRIER LOOP WITH LOCK DETECTOR, ON-CHIP WIDE RANGE
DEROTATOR AND TRACKING LOOP DEROTATOR AND TRACKING $(TYP \pm 45 MHz)$
- DIGITAL TIMING RECOVERY WITH LOCK **DETECTOR**
- CHANNEL BIT RATE UP TO 90 Mbps AND
SYMBOL FREQUENCY RATE FROM **FREQUENCY** 1 TO 50 MSYMBOLS
- INNER DECODER:
	- VITERBI SOFT DECODER FOR CONVOLUTIONAL CODES, M=7, RATE 1/2 - PUNCTURED CODES 1/2, 2/3, 3/4, 5/6, 6/7 AND 7/8
- SYNCHROWORD EXTRACTION
- CONVOLUTIVE DEINTERLEAVER
- OUTER DECODER:
	- REED-SOLOMON DECODER FOR 16 PARITY BYTES; CORRECTION OF UP TO 8 BYTE ERRORS
	- ENERGY DISPERSAL DESCRAMBLER
- ON-CHIP FLEXIBLE CLOCK SYSTEMS TO
ALLOW USE OF EXTERNAL CLOCK ALLOW USE OF EXTERNAL CLOCK SIGNALS IN 4 MHz TO 30 MHz RANGE
- EASY-TO-USE C/N ESTIMATOR WITH 2 TO 18 dB RANGE
- I 2C SERIAL BUS AND REPEATER
- DVB COMMON INTERFACE COMPLIANT PARALLEL OUTPUT FORMAT
- PARALLEL AND SERIAL DATA OUTPUT
- LNB SUPPLY CONTROL WITH STANDARD I/O, 22 KHz TONE AND DISEQC™ MODULATOR WITH TTL OUTPUT
- CMOS TECHNOLOGY: 2.5 V OPERATION; JEDEC (EIA/JESD8-5)

APPLICATIONS

■ DIGITAL SATELLITE RECEIVER AND SET-TOP BOXES

DESCRIPTION

The STV0299 Satellite Receiver with FEC is a CMOS single-chip multistandard demodulator for digital satellite broadcasting. It consists of two A/D converters for I-input and Q-input, a multistandard QPSK and BPSK demodulator, and a forward error correction (FEC) unit having both an inner (Viterbi) and outer (Reed-Solomon) decoder.

The FEC unit is compliant with the DVB-S and DSS[™] specifications. Processing is fully digital.

It integrates a derotator before the Nyquist root filter, allowing a wide range of offset tracking.

The high sampling rate facilitates the implementation of low-cost, direct conversion tuners.

A variety of configurations and behaviours can be selected through a bank of control/configuration registers via an I2C. The chip outputs MPEG Transport Streams and interfaces seamlessly to the Packet Demultiplexers embedded in ST's ST20-TPx or STi55xx. High sampling frequency (up to 90MHz) considerably reduces the cost of LPF of direct conversion tuners.

The multistandard capability associated with a broad range of input frequency operations makes it easy-to-use. Its low power consumption, small package and optional serial output interface makes it perfect for embedding into a tuner.

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1 PIN INFORMATION (continued)

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2 3.3 V output levels.

3 5 V tolerant

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The following given parameters are for indication purposes only.

Carrier Loop Tracking Range:

 \cdot $\pm f_{\text{M CLK}}/2$

Carrier Loop Capture Range (C/N>=4 dB):

- up to \pm 5% fs in less than 100 Ksymbols
- up to \pm 2% fs in less than 10 Ksymbols
- C/N Threshold (lowest C/N at which capture is $possible) = 1$ dB.

Timing Loop Capture Range (C/N>=2 dB):

- up to ±250 ppm in less than 100 Ksymbols
- conventions used for the above characteristics are:

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f_{sampling} = f_{m_clk} = f_{master_clock}
$$

$$
f_s = f_{symbol}
$$

$$
C/N = \text{Carrier/Noise} = \frac{Eb}{No} \times 2 \times PR
$$

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PR = Puncture Rate
$$

4 FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION

The STV0299B is a multistandard demodulator and error correction decoder IC for the reception of QPSK and BPSK modulated signals. It is intended for use in digital satellite television applications. The IC can accept two standards of QPSK modulated signals (DVB and DSS) as well as BPSK modulated signals over a wide symbol frequency range (from 1 to 50 Msymbols/s). The signals are digitized via an integrated dual 6-bit analog to digital converter, and interpolated and digitally filtered by a Nyquist root filter (with a settable roll-off value of either 0.35 or 0.20).

There are two built-in digital Automatic Gain Controls (AGCs). The first AGC allows the tuner gain to be controlled by the pulse density modulated output. The second AGC performs power optimization of the digital signal bandwidth (internal to the STV0299B). The digital signal then passes through the digital carrier loop fitted with an on-chip derotator and tracking loop, lock detector, and digital timing recovery.

Forward error correction is integrated by way of an inner Viterbi soft decoder, and an outer Reed-Solomon decoder.

4.1 Front End Interfaces

4.1.1 I2C Interface

The standard 1^2C protocol is used whereby the first byte is Hex D0 for a write operation, or Hex D1 for a read operation. The I²C interface operates differently depending on whether it is in normal or standby mode.

4.1.2 Write Operation (Normal Mode)

- The byte sequence is as follows:
- 1 The first byte gives the device address plus the direction bit $(\overline{R}/W = 0)$.
- 2 The second byte contains the internal address of the first register to be accessed.
- 3 The next byte is written in the internal register. Following bytes (if any) are written in successive internal registers.
- 4 The transfer lasts until stop conditions are encountered.
- 5 The STV0299B acknowledges every byte transfer.

4.1.3 Read Operation (Normal Mode)

The address of the first register to read is programmed in a write operation without data, and terminated by the stop condition. Then, another start is followed by the device address and R/ $W = 1$. All following bytes are now data to be read at successive positions starting from the initial address. Figure 2 shows the $I^{2}C$ Normal Mode Write and Read Registers.

4.1.4 I2C Interface in Standby Mode

Only three registers can be addressed while in standby mode: RCR (address 01 Hex), MCR (address 02 Hex) and ACR (address 03 Hex). These three registers can be either read or written to (refer to Figure 3).

Only one register may be read or written to per sequence (no increment). While in standby mode, the Serial Clock (SCL) frequency must be lower than one tenth of the CLK_IN frequency $(f_{CLK} \cdot N / 10)$.

Figure 2: I²C Read and Write Operations in Normal Mode

	Write registers 0 to 3 with AA, BB, CC, DD														
Start	Device Address, Write D ₀	ACK	Register Address $00 \,$		ACK	Data AA	ACK	Data BB		ACK	Data CC	ACK	Data DD	ACK	Stop
Read registers 2 and 3															
Start	Device Address, Write D0				ACK	ACK Register Address 02					Stop				
Start	Device Address, Read D1				ACK	Data Read CC			ACK		Data Read DD			ACK	Stop
I ² C Read and Write Operations in Standby Mode Figure 3:															
	Write operation														
Start	Device Address, Write D0				ACK Register Address 01, 02 or 03						ACK ACK Data		Stop		
	Read operation														
Start	Device Address , Read D0				ACK	Register Address					ACK	Stop			
Start		Device Address, ACK Reader Data Read D1					ACK (or no $ACK1$)		Stop						
Note:	ACK is not absolutely necessary after Data														

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4.1.5 Specific Concerns about SCL Frequency

For reliable operation in Normal Mode, the SCL frequency must be lower than 1/40 of the Master Clock (M_CLK) frequency. Consequently, care should be taken to observe the following:

- 1 Before returning to Normal Mode from Standby Mode, the M_CLK frequency must be selected such that $f_{M-CLK} \geq 40$ fscl
- 2 After Power-on reset signal, the STV0299B operates in Normal Mode. There are two possible cases:
	- DIRCLK-DIS (pin 58) is grounded. M_CLK = CLK_IN, the $f_{\rm SCL}$ frequency of the l^2C bus must satisfy: $f_{\text{SCL}} \leq \frac{CLK_l}{40}$. $\leq \frac{C_1C_2C_1}{40}$
	- DIRCLK-DIS (pin 58) is tied to V_{DD}

(where $f_{M_C L K} = \frac{100}{16} f_{CL K_R}$, and the f_{SCL} frequency of the I²C bus must satisfy: $f_{M_CLK} = \frac{100}{16}$ $=\frac{100}{16}$ f_{CLK_l}

and $f_{SCL} \leq 400$ kHz. ${\sf f}_{\sf SCL}$ $\leq \frac{{\sf 100}}{{\sf 16} \times {\sf 40}}$ ${\sf CLK_IN}$

For example, this second operating mode is required when the application features both a 4 MHz XTAL and a 400 kHz I²C bus.

4.1.6 Identification Register

The Identification Register (at address Hex 00) gives the release number of the circuit.

The content of this register at reset is presently A1 (same as STV0299).

4.1.7 Sampling Frequency

The STV0299B converts the analog inputs into digital 6-bit I and Q flows. The sampling frequency is f_{MCLK} which is derived from an external reference described in Section 4.1.8 'Clock Generation'. The maximum value of f_{MCLK} is 90 MHz.

The sampling causes the repetition of the input spectrum at each integer multiple of f_M _{CLK}. One has to ensure that no frequency component is folded in the useful signal bandwidth of $f_S(1+\alpha)/2$ where f_S is the symbol frequency, and α is the roll-off value.

4.1.8 Clock Generation

An integrated VCO (optimised to run in the range of 300 to 400 MHz) is locked to a reference frequency provided by a crystal oscillator by the following relation:

$$
f_{VCO} = f_{ref} \cdot 4 \cdot (M + 1) = f_{XTAL} \cdot 4 \cdot \frac{M + 1}{K + 1}
$$

The VCO's loop filter is optimized for a reference frequency between 4 and 8 MHz.

The VCO generates the following by division:

- The Master Clock (M_CLK)
- An auxiliary clock (AUX_CLK) which may either be in the MHz range or in the 25 Hz to 1500 Hz range for some specific LNB control (for example, 60 Hz).
- A lower frequency, F22, typically 22 KHz, needed for LNB control or DiSEqCTM control.

When $DIRCLK_CTRL = 1$, the crystal signal is routed directly to M_CLK; the VCO may still be used to generate AUX_CK and/or the F22 (used by the $DisEqC^{TM}$ interface).

If the internal VCO is not used by any of the dividers, it may be stopped in order to decrease the power consumption and/or radiation emissions. The only guaranteed function in standby mode is the I²C Write/Read function of the three clock control registers.

There are restrictions on the high and low level durations, and on the crystal (or external clock) frequency when the direct clock is used.

These restrictions are explained in Section 4.1.5 Specific Concerns about SCL Frequency.

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Figure 4: Clock Signal Generation

Note: 1 Refer to the Register List P[2:0] in table 1

2 At the rising edge of RESET signal (pin 15) the corresponding bit of the I²C bus register is forced to the status of pin STDBY or to DIRCLK-DIS.

Table 1: Divider Programming

P(2:0) in register	$f_{M_C L K} = f_{VCO}$ divided by P:
000	4
001	6
010	8
011	12
100	16
101	24
110	32
111	48

Table 2: Summary of FM_CLK

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4.1.9 Clock Registers

The Reference Clock, Master Clock, Auxiliary Clock and F22 Frequency Registers are in Addresses 01, 02, 03 and 04.

4.1.10 I2C Bus Repeater

In low symbol rate applications, signal pollution generated by the SDA/SCL lines of the I²C bus may dramatically worsen tuner phase noise. In order to avoid this problem, the STV0299B offers an I²C bus repeater so that the SDAT and SCLT are active only when necessary and muted once the tuner frequency has settled.

Both SDAT and SCLT pins are set high at reset. When the microprocessor writes a 1 into register bit 1^2 CT, the next 1^2 C message on SDA and SCL is repeated on the SDAT and SCLT pins respectively, until stop conditions are detected.

To write to the tuner, the external microprocessor must, for each tuner message, perform the following:

- Program 1 in I^2 CT.
- Send the message to the tuner.

Any size of byte transfers are allowed, regardless of the address, until the stop conditions are detected. Transfers are fully bi-directional.

The I^2 CT bit is automatically reset at the stop condition. If not used for the I²C repeater, both SDAT and SCLT outputs may be used as general purpose output ports.

SDAT status may be read on the DiSEqC register. Configuration is controlled by the 1^2C repeater register in Address 0Ah.

In the first version of the STV0299, operation of the repeater was very fast, and often too fast versus the rise time of the SDAT and SCLT signals. In the STV0299B, a programmable delay is implemented to accept a wide range of rise times on SDAT and SCLT. The delay is programmed with Reg.05 [5:4]. In practice, operation of the repeater is ensured in the following case:

- Reg.05 [5:4]: xx
- f_{M_CLK} \leq 90 MHz
- RC≤ 250ns (R: pull-up resistor, C: total capacitance on either SDAT or SCLT).

4.1.11 General Purpose Σ∆ **DAC**

A DAC is available in order to control external analog devices. It is built as a sigma-delta first-order loop, and has 12-bit resolution-it only requires an external low-pass filter (simple RC filter). The clock frequency is derived from the main clock by programmable division. The converter is controlled by two registers-one for

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clock divider control and 4 MSBs, and the other for the 8 LSBs.

If the DAC is not needed, the DAC output may be used as an output port. The DAC Registers are in Addresses 06 and 07.

4.1.12 DiSEqC Interface

This interface allows for the simplification of real time processing of the dialog from microprocessor to LNB. It includes a FIFO that is filled by the microprocessor via the I^2C bus, and then transmitted by modulating the F22 clock adjusted beforehand to 22 kHz.

Two control signals are available on the I^2C bus: FE (FIFO empty) and FF (FIFO full).

A typical byte transfer loop, as seen from the microprocessor, may be the following:

While (there is data to transfer)

- 1 Read the control signals
- 2 If FF=1, go to 1
3 Write byte to tra
- Write byte to transfer in the FIFO

Note, for the above transfer loop, the following:

- At the beginning, the FIFO is empty (FE=1, FF=0). This is the idle state.
- As soon as a byte is written in the FIFO, the transfer will begin.
- After the last transmitted byte, the interface will go into the idle state.

Modulation

The output is a gated 22 kHz square signal.

- In the idle state, modulation is permanently inactive.
- **In byte transmission**, the byte is sent (MSB first) and is followed by an odd parity bit. A byte transmission is therefore a serial 9-bit transmission with an odd number of "1's". Each bit lasts 33 periods of F22 and the transmission is PWM-modulated.
	- **Transmission of "0's"**. There are two submodes controlled by PortCtrl(2):
		- a) PortCtrl2 = 1: Modulation is active during 22 pulses, then inactive during 11 pulses (2/3 PWM).
		- b) PortCtrl2 $= 0$: Modulation is active during 33 pulses (3/3 PWM).
	- **Transmission of "1's"**. During transmission of "1's", modulation is active during 11 pulses, then inactive during 22 pulses (1/3 PWM).

This is compatible with "Tone Burst" in older LNB protocols.

For the "Modulated Tone Burst", only one byte (with value Hex FF) is written in the FIFO. The parity bit is 1, and as a result, the output signal is 9 bursts of 0.5 ms, separated by 8 intervals of 1 ms.

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For the "Unmodulated Tone Burst" Port CTRL 2 is set to 0 and, only one byte, of value 00h is sent. The parity bit is still 1, and as a result, the signal is a continuous train of 12.5 ms. When the modulation is active, the DiSEqC output is driven

alternatively to V_{DD} and V_{SS} levels. The DiSEqC and Lock Control, DiSEqC FIFO and DiSEqC Status Registers are in Addresses 08, 09 and 0Ah.

Figure 5: Schematic showing Bit Transmission

Note: 1 Byte to transfer in DiSEqC mode.

2 In mode PortCtrl (1:0)=10, the F_{22}/Di SEqC pin returns to High -2 mode once the transmission is completed.

4.1.13 Standby Mode

A low power consumption mode (standby mode) can be implemented (in this mode, $f_M_{CLK} = 0$). In standby mode, the I²C decoder still operates, but with some restrictions (see Sections 4.1.4 and 4.1.5).

Standby mode can be initiated or stopped by I^2C bus commands as described in MCR Register 02.

At power-on, the circuit starts to operate in standby mode when the STDBY pin (pin 42) is tied to V_{DD} . This guarantees low power consumption for the stand-alone modules (PCMCIA size front-end modules) before any command is initiated. After the power-on sequence, the standby mode is entirely controlled via MCR Register (02).

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4.2 Signal Processing

4.2.1 I and Q Inputs

The ADC features differential inputs, but in most applications I & Q signals are single-ended. In such applications, I and Q signals from the tuner are fed to the respective IP and QP inputs through a capacitor. The I_N and Q_N pins are DC biased, typically to V_{BOT} . The internal biasing of the ADC is done on the circuit at the mid-voltage between V_{TOP} and V_{BOT} .

The Input/Output Configuration Register is described in Address 0Ch.

4.2.2 Main AGC (or AGC1)

The modulus of the I/Q input is compared to a programmable threshold, m1, and the difference is integrated. This signal is then converted into a pulse density modulation signal to drive the AGC output. It should be filtered by a simple analog filter to control the gain command of any amplifier before the A to D converter.

The output converter operates at $f_{M~CLK}/8$ in order to decrease the radiated noise and to simplify the filter design. The output is a 5 V tolerant open drain stage.

The reset value of the coefficient allows an initial settling time of less than 100k master clock periods.

The 8 integrator MSBs may be read or written at any time by the microprocessor. When written, the LSB's are reset and the coefficient may be set to zero by programming (in this case, the AGC is reduced to a programmable 8-bit voltage synthesizer).

The time constant of agc1 is estimated as followed:

$$
\mathsf{T}_{\mathsf{agc1}} = \frac{2^{26-\beta_{\mathsf{agc1}}}}{m1} \times \mathsf{T}_{\mathsf{M_CLK}}
$$

with m1 = AGC1 reference level.

The AGC1 Control, AGC1 Reference and AGC1 Integrator Registers are in Addresses 0D and 0F.

4.2.3 Nyquist Root and Interpolation Filters

Two roll off values are available: 0.35 and 0.20. Refer to the Input/Output Configuration Register in Address 0C.

4.2.4 Offset Cancellation

This device suppresses the residual DC component on I and Q. The compensation may be frozen to its last value by resetting the DC offset

compensation bit in the AGC Control Register in Address 0D.

4.2.5 Signal AGC (or AGC2)

The rms value of I and Q is measured after the Nyquist filter and compared to a programmable value, m2, such as that of the main AGC.

The integrated error signal is applied to a multiplier on each I and Q path.

The AGC2 Control Register is in Address 10.

Bits [7:5] give the AGC2 coefficient, which sets beta_agc2, the gain of the integrator. Table 4 shows how beta_agc2 is programmed with AGC2 coefficient (which is related to the time constant of the AGC).

Table 4:

If $AGC2$ Coefficient = 0, the gain remains unchanged from its last value.

The time constant is independent of the symbol frequency, however it does depend on the modulus, m1, of the input signal, programmed in AGC1, with the following approximate relation:

$$
\mathsf{T}_{\mathsf{agc2}} = \frac{60 \times 10^3 \cdot \mathsf{T}_{\mathsf{M_CLK}}}{\mathsf{m1} \cdot \mathsf{beta_agc2}}
$$

The AGC2 Integrator Registers (2 bytes - MSB and LSB) are in Addresses 18 and 19. These values may be read or written by the microprocessor. When written, all the LSB's integrator bits are reset. This value is an image of the signal power in the useful band. Compared with the total power of the signal, the out-of-band power may be computed (noise, or other channel).

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4.3 Timing Recovery

4.3.1 Timing Control

The loop is parametrized by two coefficients: alpha_tmg and beta_tmg. alpha_tmg can take values from 0 to 4, and beta_tmg from 0 to 7 (Register 0E).

When the parameter is 0, the actual coefficient value is zero. The 8 MSBs of the frequency accumulator may be read or written at any time by the I^2C bus—when written, all LSBs are reset.

The Symbol Frequency Registers (MSB, Middle Bits and LSB) are in Addresses 1F, 20 and 21. These must be programmed with the expected symbol frequency.

The units are:

fM_CLK ²²⁰ ----------------

Write mode is effective when writing the Middle Bit Register. The MSB Register must be loaded before the Middle Bit Register.

The value of the Timing Frequency Register, when the system is locked, is an image of the frequency offset. The unit is $f_S/2^{19}$ (approx. 2 ppm). It should be as close as possible to 0 (by adjusting symbol frequency register value) in order to have a symmetrical capture range. Reading it allows for optimal trimming of the timing range (Register 1A).

The actual symbol frequency is:

$$
f_{S_{act}} = \frac{(f_{M_CLK} \cdot f_{s_reg}) + (2 \cdot f_{s} \cdot T_{mg_reg})}{2^{20}}
$$

where $f_{s_{\text{reg}}}$ is the content of the symbol frequency register and $T_{mq\text{req}}$ the content of the timing frequency register.

4.3.2 Loop Equation

The timing loop may be considered as a second order loop. The natural frequency and the damping factor may be calculated using the following formula:

$$
f_n = 5.2 \cdot 10^{-6} f_S \sqrt{m2 \cdot \beta}
$$

where, f_S is the symbol frequency, m2 is the AGC2 reference level and β is programmed by the timing register:

$$
\beta = 2^{\text{beta_tmg}}
$$

The damping factor is:

$$
\xi\ =\ \frac{0.134\cdot\sqrt{m2}\cdot 2^{alpha_tmp}}{\sqrt{2^{beta_tmp}}}
$$

where m2 is the reference level of the AGC2 register.

Table 5 shows the natural frequency in DVB, with nominal reference level $m2 = 20$, for different values of beta_tmg and alpha_tmg, without noise.

4.3.3 Timing Lock Indicator

The timing lock indicator reports a value dependent upon the signal-to-noise ratio and on the signal lock state.

With an AGC2 Reference level m2 = 20, if the timing lock indicator is above 48, the timing is locked; if it is above 42, this shows that a QPSK signal is present, either locked with low C/N (<3.6 dB) or unlocked with higher C/N; the ambiguity may be solved by changing on purpose the timing frequency of 1%; if it was locked before, the indicator should be now under 42.

The indicator needs 30K symbols for stabilization from unlock to lock after a frequency change.

The timing lock registers - the Timing Lock Setting Register and the Timing Lock Indicator Register are in Addresses 11 and 17.

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4.4 Carrier Recovery and Derotator Loop

The tracking range of the derotator is $\pm f_{\text{M-CLK}}/2$ $(\pm f_{sampling}/2)$. The initial frequency search may therefore be performed on several MHz ranges without reprogramming the tuner.

Three phase detectors are selectable using software:

- Phase detector algorithm 0: This algorithm should only be used for BPSK reception.
- Phase detector algorithm 1: This algorithm is used with QPSK reception, over a small range of capture phases and with a channel noise value over 4.5 dB.
- Phase detector algorithm 2: For QPSK reception, it is used after locking, to minimize the bit error rate in low channel noise conditions. Algorithm 2 is recommended for most applications.

The loop is controlled through α and β parameters.

The carrier loop control registers (the Alpha Carrier Register, the Beta Carrier Register and the Carrier Frequency Register) are in Addresses 13, 14, 22 and 23.

4.4.1 Loop Parameters

Like the timing loop, the carrier loop is a second-order system where two parameters, α and β, may be programmed with alpha_car and beta_car respectively.

The natural frequency (f_n) is:

$$
f_n \, = \, 7 \cdot 10^{-6} \cdot f_{M_CLK} \sqrt{(m2 \cdot \beta) \frac{f_S}{f_{M_CLK}}}
$$

The damping factor is:

$$
\xi = 22 \cdot 10^{-6} \cdot \alpha \sqrt{\frac{m2}{\beta} \frac{f_S}{f_{M_C L L K}}}
$$

where $\alpha = (2+a) \cdot 2^{b} \cdot 2^{14}$, with $b \ge 1$, and $\beta = (4+2c+d) \cdot 2^e$, with $e \ge 1$. m2 is the reference level in the AGC2 register.

4.4.2 Carrier Lock Detector

The carrier lock detector provides an indicator with a high value when the carrier is locked, dependent on the channel noise. When the carrier is not locked, the indicator value is low.

The indicator value is compared to programmable 8-bit threshold (Register 15h). The

result of this comparison (1 if greater than the threshold, else 0 if not) is written as the Carrier Found flag (CF), and may be read in the status register. The CF signal may be permanently routed on the output LOCK (see Register 08h).

The Lock Detector Threshold Register and Lock Detector Value Register are in Addresses 15 and 1C.

4.4.3 Derotator Frequency

The derotator frequency can be either measured (read operation) or forced (write operation).

$$
(\text{freq})_{\text{kHz}} = \frac{\text{Derot_freq}}{2^{16}} \cdot (\text{f}_{\text{M_CLK}})_{\text{kHz}}
$$

Derot_freq is a 16-bit signed value.

The Derot_freq Registers are Registers 22 and 23.

4.4.4 Carrier Frequency Offset Detector

The carrier recovery loop features a carrier frequency offset detector and two phase detectors. When the carrier frequency offset detector is enabled, the central loop frequency is modified proportionally to the carrier offset. The gain and time constants of the detector are set by CFD[6:4] and CFD[3:2] respectively. When the carrier loop is about to "phase lock" with the carrier, the frequency detector stops automatically and the phase lock is ensured by the selected phase detector. This switchover point is determined by the threshold CFD [1:0].

For stability reasons, the gain CFD [6:4] should not exceed the coefficient e[3:0] of Register BCLC.

The carrier frequency offset detector is in Address 12.

4.5 Noise Indicator

The noise indicator may be used to facilitate the antenna pointing or to give an idea of the RF signal quality and of the front-end installation (dish, LNB, cable, tuner or ADC).

A simple C/N estimator can be easily implemented by comparing the current indications with a primarily-recorded look-up table.

The time constant ranges from 4 k to 256 k symbols. The 16 MSB of the result may be read by the microprocessor (Registers 24 and 25).

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4.6 Forward Error Correction

4.6.1 FEC Modes

Since the STV0299B is a multistandard decoder, several combinations are possible, at different levels:

- The demodulator may accept either QPSK or BPSK signals - the only impact is on the carrier algorithm choice (refer to Chapter 4.4). The algorithm choice also affects the carrier lock detector and the noise evaluation.
- There two primary options concerning the FEC operation - between DVB, DSS and Reserved Mode.
- There are two options concerning the FEC feeding. The first is IQ flow, which is the usual case in QPSK modes DVB or DSS. The second mode is I-only flow, used for BPSK.

The FEC Mode Register is in Address 28.

In Modes DVB and DSS, data is fed to the Viterbi decoder. Other parts of the decoding (such as the Convolutional Deinterleaver) may be bypassed.

4.6.2 Viterbi Decoder and Synchronization

The convolutive codes are generated by the polynomial G_x = 171 octets and G_y = 133 octets in modes DVB or DSS.

The Viterbi decoder computes for each symbol the metrics of the four possible paths, proportional to the square of the Euclidian distance between the received I and Q and the theoretical symbol value.

The puncture rate and phase are estimated on the error rate basis. Several rates are allowed and may be enabled/disabled through register programming:

- 1/2, 2/3, 3/4, 5/6, 7/8 in DVB.
- 1/2, 2/3, 3/4, 5/6 and 6/7 in DSS.

For each enabled rate, the current error rate is compared to a programmable threshold. If it is greater than this threshold, another phase (or another rate) is tried until the right rate is obtained.

A programmable hysteresis is added to avoid losing the phase during short term perturbation.

The rate may also be imposed by external software, and the phase is incremented only upon request by the microprocessor. The error rate may be read at any time in order to use an algorithm other than that implemented.

The Viterbi decoder produces an absolute decoding. The decoder is controlled via several Viterbi Threshold Registers (Registers 29, 2A, 2B,

2C and 2D). For each Viterbi Threshold Register, bits 6 to 0 represent an error rate threshold - the average number of errors occurring during 256-bit periods. The maximum programmable value is 127/256 (higher error rates are of no practical use).

The Puncture Rate and Synchro Register is in Address 31.

The automatic rate research is only done through the enabled rates (see the corresponding bit set in the Puncture and synchro register). In DSS, the puncture rate 6/7 replaces the puncture rate 7/8. In DSS, it is recommended that you disable puncture rates 3/4 and 5/6 in order to save time in the synchronization process.

The VSEARCH Register is in Address 32. VSEARCH bit 7 (A/M) and bit 6 (F) programs the automatic/manual (or computer aided) search mode as follows:

- If A/M =0 and F=0, automatic mode is set. Successive enabled punctured rates are tried with all possible phases, until the system is locked and the block synchro found. This is the default (reset) mode.
- If A/M=0 and F=1, the current puncture rate is frozen. If no sync is found, the phase is incremented, but not the rate number. This mode allows shortening of the recovery time in case of noisy conditions. The puncture rate is not supposed to change in a given
channel. In a typical computer-aided channel. In a typical computer-aided implementation, the research begins in automatic mode. The microprocessor reads the error rate or the PRF flag in order to detect the capture of a signal, then it switches F to 1, until a new channel is requested by the remote control.
- If AM=1 manual mode is set. In this case, only one puncture rate should be validated the system is forced to this rate, on the current phase, ignoring the time-out register and the error rate. In this mode, each 0 to 1 transition of the bit F leads to a phase incrementation, allowing full control of the operation by an external microprocessor by choosing the lowest error rate.

The reset values are $A/M=0$, and $F=0$ (automatic search mode).

The VERROR Register (a read only register) is in Address 26. The last value of the error rate may be read at any time in the register. Unlike the VTH, the possible range is from 0 to 255/256.

The VSTATUS Register (a read only register) is in Address 1B.

4.6.3 Synchronization

In DVB, the packet length after inner decoding is 204. The sync word is the first byte of each packet. Its value is Hex 47, but this value is complemented every 8 packets. In DSS, the packet length is 147 and the sync word is Hex 1D.

An Up/Down Sync counter counts whenever a sync word is recognized with the correct timing, and counts down during each missing sync word. This counter is bounded by a programmable maximum - when this value is reached, the LK bit ("locked") is set in the VSTATUS register. When the event counter counts down to until 0, this flag is reset.

4.6.4 Error Monitoring

A 16-bit counter, ERRCNT, allows the counting of errors at different levels. ERRCNT is fed either by:

- the input QPSK bit errors (that are corrected by the Viterbi decoder), or,
- the bit, or,
- the byte error (that are corrected by the Reed-Solomon decoder), or,
- the packet error (not corrigible, leading to a pulse at the ERROR output).

The content of ERRCNT may be transferred to the read only registers ERRCNT_LOW (LSB) and ERRCNT_HIGH (MSB).

Two functional modes are proposed, depending on a control register bit:

- 1 Error Mode = 0. This is an error rate measure, that tells the number of errors occurring within a specified number of output bytes, NB. NB has four possible values given in the Error Control Register in Address 34. Every NB bytes, the state of the error counter is transferred to a 16-bit register, then the error counter is reset. The Error Count Registers in Addresses 1D and 1E may be read by the microprocessor via I²C bus. Two ways of reading may be used: 16-bit reading, starting with MSB, or 8-bit reading (LSB only or MSB only).
- 2 Error Mode = 1. The error counter just counts the error; the $1²C$ register permanently copies the content of the error counter. When the MSB byte is read, the error counter is reset. In both modes, the 16-bit counter is saturated to its maximum value.

4.6.5 Convolutional Deinterleaver

In DVB, the convolutional deinterleaver is 17 x 12. The periodicity of 204 bytes per sync byte is retained. In DSS, the convolutional deinterleaver is 146 x 13, and there is also a periodicity of 147 bytes per sync byte. The deinterleaver may be bypassed - for details, see Section 4.6.6 'Reed-Solomon Decoder and Descrambler'.

4.6.6 Reed-Solomon Decoder and Descrambler

The input blocks are 204-byte long with 16 parity bytes in DVB. The synchro byte is the first byte of the block. Up to 8 byte errors may be fixed.

The Code Generator polynomial is:

g(**x**) = $(x - \omega^0)(x - \omega^1)(...)(x - \omega^{15})$

over the Galois Field generated by:

$$
x^8+x^4+x^3+x^2+1\equiv\,0
$$

Energy dispersal descrambler and output energy dispersal descrambler generator:

$$
\boldsymbol{x^{15}} + \boldsymbol{x^{14}} + \boldsymbol{1}
$$

The polynomial is initialized every eight blocks with the sequence 100101010000000.

The synchro words are unscrambled and the scrambler is reset every 8 packets.

The output interface may be forced into high impedance mode by setting bit 0 of Address 28. Doing this affects the D[7:0], CLK_OUT, STR_OUT, D/P and ERROR pins. This also allows for board testing, and "OR" wiring several link circuits (for example, cable links). The output stream is either parallel (byte stream) or serial (bit stream) depending on bit 1 of Address 28.

The outputs are controlled by the RS Control Register in Address 33.

4.6.7 Parallel Output Interface

A schematic diagram of the parallel output interface is shown in Figure 7. The parallel output format is compliant with the DVB common interface protocol.

When the SYNC is not found $(LK = 0$ in the status register), D/P (corresponding to the MiVAL signal of the DVB common interface standard) remains at a low level.

CLK_OUT has a duty cycle between 40 and 60%.

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4.6.8 Serial Output Interface

The serial output interface is shown in Figure 6. The serial bit stream is available on D7. where MSB is first to reconstruct the original order. If $RS0 = 0$, then the parity bits are output (Register 33). If $RS0 = 1$, the data is null during the parity time slots.

STR OUT is only high during the first bit of each packet, instead of during the first byte in parallel mode.

ERROR has the same function as in parallel mode.

CLK_OUT is the serial bit clock; it is derived from either the master clock, M_CLK, (if SerClk = 0 in Registers 02 and B3), or from the internal VCO frequency divided by 6 , (if SerClk = 1), by skipping some pulses to accommodate the frequency difference.

All of the outputs are synchronous of the same master clock edge.

D0, STR_OUT, D/P and ERROR may be properly sampled externally by the rising edge of CLK_OUT, if $RS1 = 0$, or by the falling edge of CLK_OUT if $RS1 = 1$. This clock runs continuously, even during parity data, whatever the value of RS0.

The first bit detected in a valid packet may be decoded if it is found on the appropriate edge of CLK OUT, where STR OUT = 1, ERROR = 0 , $D/P = 1$. The following bits only require the assertion of D/P (while $D/P = 1,...$).

Outputs D0 to D6 remain at low level in serial mode.

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Table 6: Functional I2C Register Map

5 REGISTER LIST

Note: All register addresses are hexadecimal values. Signed registers are 2's complement. All registers are read/write registers except those specifically flagged as read-only (RO). All registers not listed in the below table, between 0 and 4E, should be programmed to 0.

5 REGISTER LIST (continued)

F22 FREQUENCY REGISTER (refer to Section 4.1.8 **on page 8**)

F22FR \vert 04 \vert 8E \vert [7:0] The actual frequency is f_{VCO}/(128 R[7:0]). When this register is accessed, the divider by 16 (also common to AUX_CLK) and the divider by R[7:0] are initialized.

I 2CRPT REGISTER (refer To Section 4.1.10 **on page 10**)

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5 REGISTER LIST (continued)

DISEQC STATUS (refer to Section 4.1.12 **on page 10**)

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5 REGISTER LIST (continued) **TIMING LOCK SETTING REGISTER** (refer to) TLSR $\begin{vmatrix} 11 & 88 \end{vmatrix}$ [7:4] Must be programmed to 8 (to be confirmed) [3:0] Must be programmed to 4 (to be confirmed) **CARRIER FREQUENCY DETECTOR REGISTER** (refer to Chapter 4.4 **on page 14**) **Name HEX Address Reset Value Bit**
Position Signal Description

ALPHA CARRIER AND NOISE ESTIMATOR REGISTER (refer to Chapter 4.5 **on page 14**)

BETA CARRIER REGISTER (refer to Chapter 4.4 **on page 14**)

CARRIER LOCK DETECTOR THRESHOLD REGISTER (refer to Section 4.4.2 **on page 14**)

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5 REGISTER LIST (continued)

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6 ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

6.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings

Maximum limits indicate where permanent device damages occur. Continuous operation at these

limits is not intended, and should be limited to those conditions specified in Section 6.3 'DC Electrical Characteristics'.

Note: 1 Except for AGC, SDA, SCL, SDAT, SCLT pin, which can be connected to 5 V +10% via a resistor.

6.2 Thermal Data

Note: 2 Single-layer PCB.

Note: 3 Multi-layer PCB.

6.3 DC Electrical Characteristics

 V_{DD} = 2.5 V, $V_{DD-3.3 V}$ = 3.3 V and T_{amb} = 25°C unless otherwise specified.

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6 ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

6.3 DC Electrical Characteristics (continued)

 V_{DD} = 2.5 V, $V_{DD_3.3 \text{ V}}$ = 3.3 V and T_{amb} = 25°C unless otherwise specified.

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Note: 1 Test conditions: $F_{clock} = 52MHz$, $F_{IN} = 8MHz$, $V_{IN} = 0.5 Vpp$

6 ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

6.4 Timing Characteristics

Note: 1 Tm = Master clock period in ns

Figure 8:

Figure 9:

Figure 11:

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6 ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

6.5 I2**C Bus Characteristics**

Figure 12: I 2C bus timing diagram

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7 APPLICATION BLOCK DIAGRAMS

7 APPLICATION BLOCK DIAGRAMS (continued)

Typical Application Diagram

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8 PACKAGE MECHANICAL DATA

64 Pins Thin Plastic Quad Flat Pack (TQFP No Slug)

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